PATENT APPLICATION

Our Docket No. 20030294.ORI

, IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Paul S. Hepworth : August 19, 2003

For : A FIXING PLUG

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this U.S. National Phase continuation of PCT Application PCT/GB02/00736, it is requested that the following amendments be entered: